reported in the Business Standard dated 19th May, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of workers employed in these Undertakings;

(d) whether Government are also contemplating some economic package for other sick Public Sector Undertakings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) As on 31-3-1991, upto which period only the information is available, there are 54 sick industrial central public sector enterprises which are referable to BIFR under the provisions of sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act 1985. The BIFR shall examine these cases for formulation of revival/rehabilitation plans. The National Renewable Fund has also been set up as a Safety Net for protecting the interest of the workers who are likely to be affected due to restructuring of these sick enterprises.

Increase in efficiency and profit of the Central PSU in Maharashtra

660. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Central Public Sector Undertakings in Maharashtra in which, capital investment has been decreased during the last three years;

(b) whether the efficiency and profit of these undertakings have increased as a result there of;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to further increase the efficiency and profits of these undertakings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) There are 28 Central Public Sector Enterprises having their registered office in the State of Maharashtra. The investment and net profit/loss of each of the enterprises during last three years is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 9.]

(d) Enterprise specific action is taken by the concerned administrative Ministry/ Department and the enterprise to improve the performance of Central Public Sector Enterprises.

Setting up of new industries in Punjab

661. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the number and nature of heavy industry likely to be set in Punjab in near future; and

(b) the progress made in this regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) 549 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda were filed during August, 91 to October, 1992 for setting up of various delicensed industries in Punjab. In addition, 24 Letters of Intent and 9 Industrial Licences have been granted between 1st August, 1991 to 31-10-92 (i.e. since the announcement of the New Industrial Policy). Some of the prominent sectors are : Metallurgical industries, Transportation, Chemicals, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Sugar, Fermentation, etc.

(b) Of the 549 Memoranda filed 64 entrepreneurs have already stated their intention to commence commercial production.

Investment in heavy industries

662. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that target of futher capital investment of Rs. 2,771 crores in hevey industries under public sector in country during the Eighth Five Year Plan has been fixed;

(b) if so, what is the estimated capital investment in these industries by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the target of achieving net profit from these industries has also been fixed; and

(d) if so, what is the amount of the net profit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated capital investment (Gross Block) shall be Rs. 7600 crores in these Companies by the end of 8th Plan.

(c) & (d) These Companies have projected an aggregate profit before tax of Rs. 572 crores during the last year of the 8th Plan, i.e. 1996-97, subject to financial restructuring of some of them.

Inadequate working capital with HEC

663. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for which Heavy Engineering Corporation is not getting adequate number of orders from public sector units such as coal, steel, power, Railways etc.; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no working capital with the Heavy Engineering Corporation even to execute the orders placed with it in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) & (b) The order book position of HEC has been lean earlier. However, due to Government's intervention the order book position of the company has improved substantially from 1990-91 onwards. While it is so, the company does not have adequate working capital to execute some of the orders in time.

Placing SSI sector at par with corporate sector

664. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that present SSI policy is likely to result in a national loss of Rs. 36,000 crore in the form of production, revenue and locking up of Rs. 10,000 crore bank funds and also render 85 lakhs jobless as apprehended by SSI sector; and

(b) whether Government are considering the request of the SSI sector to place the SSI sector at par with the corporate sector as will as other demands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) No, Sir. The Present SSI Policy is intended to promote and strengthen small, tiny and village enterprises which is likely to result in increase in production and employment.

(b) No request to place the SSI Sector at par with the corporate sector has been received.

Investment proposals from abroad

665. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a number of proposals from abroad to set up industries in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such proposals cleared by Government so far to set up industries by Non-resident Indians;

(c) what is the total amount of investment in the proposals received by Government; and

(d) by when all the proposals pending before Government are likely to be cleared ?